(b) if so, the details of programme of Government in this regard during 2005-06 and 2006-07, district-wise and place-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in Tamil Nadu came to an end on 30.06.2003. At present, therefore no district in Tamil Nadu is covered under the District Primary Education Programme.

(b) Does not arise.

Funding universities and colleges

3050. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a plan for funding various types of universities in the country to breathe life into universities and colleges;

(b) if so, whether the universities presently funded by IGNOU are also included under the scheme;

(c) whether any specific category of universities are identified for funding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to the Central Universities, eligible State Universities which are included under Section 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act and selected Institutions Deemed to be Universities, as per the pattern of assistance prescribed in the guidelines for various scheme. The Distance Education Council (DEC) provides fund to State Open Universities and Correspondence Course Institutes in conventional Universities which conform to the prescribed guidelines of DEC.

Training martial arts to DU girls

3051. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University has trained its girl students to deal with eveteasers through martial art;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to impress upon other universities to train girl students to tackle this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to information received from the University of Delhi, the University of Delhi had conducted a seven days's programme in its three women's Hostels to train girl students in self-defence, in collaboration with the Delhi Police. Lady Sri Ram College for Women, Gargi College, Mata Sundri College and Kalindi College have also conducted similar training for girl students. These programmes were informal in nature and based on voluntary participation.

(c) and (d) The Universities, being statutory autonomous bodies, decide about running of the courses and programmes on their own and, therefore, there is no proposal with the Government in this regard.

Deemed University status

3052. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant Deemed University status to 10 institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Institutes are declared as 'deemed to be university' only on the recommendations of the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and the proposals received by the Central Government, from time to time, for granting the deemed to be university' status are forwarded to the UGC for its advice.